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DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS AND UFOS-

The 1977 edition of "Arms Control and Disarmament Agreements - Texts and History of Negotiations", published by the U.S. Arms Control & Disarmament Agency, includes a chapter called, "AGREEMENT ON MEASURES TO REDUCE THE RISK OF OUTBREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS". This section includes a statement about "arrangements for immediate notification should a risk of nuclear war arise from such incidents, from detection of unidentified objects on early warning systems or from any accidental, unauthorized, or other unexplained incident involving a possible detonation of a nuclear weapon". Of course, "unidentified object" is a broad term here, potentially including aircraft and"natural"radar targets (but the implications are provocative!- Ed.). The Agreements were signed in Washington on Sept. 30, 1971.

PRIME MINISTER + PRESIDENT = UFOS

The September 12, 1977 issue of NEWSWEEK mentioned that Eric Gairy, the Prime Minister of Grenada in the Caribbean, was scheduled to meet with President Carter during that week. The State Department was informed that Gairy was almost certain to discuss UFOs during his meeting. Carter was to meet with all of the 19 Latin American heads of state present in Washington to formally sign the Panama Canal pact.

RESEARCH INTO HALLUCINATIONS

According to an article authored by Ronald Siegel in the October, 1977 issue of SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, experiments into the nature of hallucinations conducted at the Neuropsychiatric Institute of UCLA have shown that"they have a great deal in common". Underlying mechanisms in the central nervous system may be the source of universal forms seen by many people even though the conditions of their hallucinating may range from drug use to sensory deprivation to fever... even merely falling asleep and waking up. A review of 500 hallucinations induced by LSD showed not the infinite diversity one would expect, but rather that 62-72% of the subjects experienced the same simple forms and more than 79% perceived similar complex forms. These included

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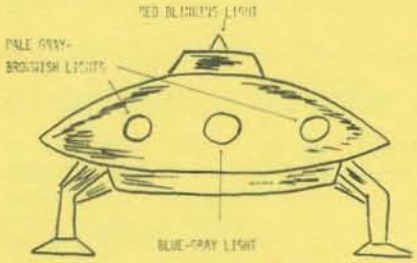
CASE ANALYSIS

CASE	TYPE	DATE	TIME	DURATION	WITNESSES	PLACE
2-9-89	NL	8-11-77	8:45 PM	5 min. (corrected)	8	Hayden, AL

This case was first mentioned last issue. A 24-year old construction worker and his wife were driving home in their car; they saw the object depicted in the witnesses' sketch hovering silently about 150 feet up. It had the apparent size of about 4 moon diameters (2 degrees), seen against a clear, starry sky. They only saw the shape of the object when the center light came on. The actual size was estimated to that of his trailer home, 65 feet. The absence of noise puzzled him, since the National Guard helicopters in that mountainous area "shake everything". The object shot north like a bullet, then stopped a short distance



away. Keeping it in view, the couple drove home and called the State Police. The wife watched the object circle around them 3 times and come to rest. A second object came out of the NE hills and stopped directly over the first object, 400 feet up. The lower object ascended to join the first for 3-4 seconds (revealing, for the first time, a blinking red dome light). then it accelerated to the south, and out of sight.

Other people reported seeing UFOs at various times in the area, but the certainty of all the independent reports referring to the same object is in question. The local airport was contacted by the State Police at the time, but only ordinary jets could be accounted for; bear in mind the hilly terrain and the low altitudes.

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EDITORIAL

by Dr. J. Allen Hynek

The news flash in our last issue telling of the creation in France of GEPAN, an official scientific body for the serious study of the UFO phenomenon, has a much deeper significance than at first meets the eye. First, it will be headed by Dr. Claude Poher, who is a highly-placed scientist in the French National Center for Space Studies (which might be likened to the French version of NASA), and it will be his full-time job. He will be assisted by a sizeable, and competent, paid staff. With Dr. Poher as head, it cannot possibly be "another Condon Committee."

Of great significance is that another country, France, rather than the United States, has taken the lead in a long needed and awaited serious investigation of the UFO phenomenon—a lead which *should* have been taken by the United States. In short, this country has lost the leadership in this endeavor to another country. It was the province of NASA to have long ago taken this necessary step but those individuals in NASA who have expressed to us a sincere interest in officially looking into it have been repeatedly thwarted by bureaucratic conservatism and lack of imagination.

We have learned from several reliable sources that the White House has requested NASA to "look into" the UFO situation and make recommendations about the extent the matter should be pursued. If a serious scientific investigation is mounted, I believe we can confidently expect that it, too, would not result in "another Condon report." That is, if it is undertaken in the first place, it will be because NASA's preliminary investigation will have decided that there is something of substance in the UFO phenomenon. Let us hope that NASA and GEPAN will prove to be a cooperative and productive team.

J. Allen Hynek

CORRESPONDENCE

AIRCRAFT RECORDS

Regarding Allan Hendry's "FAA Radar—Is It Worth It?", and other references to radar reports or the lack thereof in the May issue of the REPORTER. I believe that many radar sites keep a "tape" record of what their screen shows for a period of 15 days; replaying such tapes has helped to locate the last position of downed aircraft in some instances. Does the UFO REPORTER know of these tapes and make use of them?

CAPT. CHARLES L. SMITH
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Allan Hendry comments: I recently took this picture of the kind of recorder you are referring to at the Chicago (Aurora), IL Air Route Traffic Control Center, one of the most modern in the nation. This dual-transport unit used 8-hour long tapes back-and-forth to provide 24-hour

coverage of all radar targets observed by the Center. When this was in use, the tapes were kept for a full 30 days, as it was expected that the system would be used to good advantage in plane searches; yet in practice, the tapes were really only used for "training simulations". Hence, this unit hasn't been maintained for two years! Furthermore, this type of system is not a certified piece of equipment; so the Centers (and air traffic control towers) are not obligated to have these recorders running. IUR is currently conducting a survey to see just who does possess these systems, for they certainly could be worth their weight in gold to us!

In more common use, of course, is the paper "strip" means of recording air flight plans, but these only apply to controlled aircraft, not UFOs, alas. On two occasions, commercial aircraft were seen near unidentifiable objects, and IUR wanted to learn if the flight crews witnessed the sightings. They had not reported it formally to the Centers in question; so we wanted to deal with them personally. However, the task of wading through literally thousands of strips, isolating at best 7 or 8 possible "candidates" for the plane in question, proved to be beyond the "workload-permitting" basis by which the FAA facilities will cooperate with us. Such is the crudeness of the current "strip" system, and the desirability of a universally-adopted tape system. Says Watch Supervisor Bill Johnson, "we're five years away from that".

RESEARCH HELP NEEDED

Would anyone specializing in gravitational effects, or who can cite examples of such effects in the literature, please send a SAS envelope to:

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GATCHELLVILLE, PA CE II

Concerning case 2-4-44 (page 6, vol. 2, no. 5) it might have been worthwhile to obtain a one-inch diameter rod or dowel and see how much force it took to press it into the ground to a depth of 2¾ inches. From this calculation, we could show the possible weight put on the "tripod" during ground contact.

CAPT. CHARLES L. SMITH
Ithaca, New York

A fine idea, except that it is only an assumption that a tripod made the holes. Remember, the (unidentified) witnesses who called the fire department said that they saw a ball of fire touch down *on the lawn, and set it on fire. Also, if there was a tripod involved, we wouldn't know how much of the compression was due to static weight* vs. *the downward force of descent. Our investigator arrived on the scene a few days after the fact; so such tests were of little value, sad to say. However, the Anesthesia Research Laboratory is preparing a gas chromatography test (among others) to examine the samples and look into the combustion processes involved. Stay tuned . . . and keep sending in constructive letters like these, Captain!*

FOREIGN FORUM

U.S.S.R.: Petrozavodsk, Sept. 20, 1977. The Soviet news agency Tass stated that at 4 AM "a huge star suddenly flashed out of a dark sky, sending shafts of light impulses to earth" . . . "spreading over it like a jellyfish". The object moved slowly over Petrozavodsk, stopped, and became a "bright semicircle" resuming its movement. It was last seen as a semicircular glow, bright red in the middle and white on the sides. Total duration: 10-12 minutes. A "ball of fire" was also seen from Helsinki, 350 miles away, at the same time for 4 minutes. Tass checked with the Petrozavodsk Meteorological Observatory and the Pulkova Astronomical Observatory, both of whom were at a loss to explain the phenomenon. The UPI wire story that reported this speculated about a Soviet rocket stage burning up or exploding upon re-entry; this struck IUR as inappropriate, as re-entries are generally observed for 2 minutes at the longest, although it *did* sound like a description of a rocket.

The same thought occurred to James Oberg, well-versed in rocket launches, who informed IUR of his identification of the effect. The ground witnesses were watching the launch of Cosmos 955 from Plesetsk, 200 miles east of Petrozavodsk, at approximately 3:59 AM, local time. While the Tass release suggested that meteorological observers had never seen such an effect in that area before, there have actually been a number of these kinds of launches from Plesetsk in recent years in total darkness. One of these was observed from Finland in 1969, as reported to the June, 1974 issue of Spaceflight:

" . . . at 3:48, there rose a small bright object from the east. It slowly arched upward, culminated in the northeast at the height of 25 degrees, and started descending toward the NNE horizon. . . . it drew three misty arcs of light on the sky. The object was brighter than the narrow crescent moon, and cast faint shadows on the ground (seen from *Finland*—Ed.). In three minutes there was a phenomenon like a gas cloud; the object was shrouded by some obscuring matter . . . then it disappeared behind the high forest.

According to Finnish newspapers, the phenomenon was observed from many places all over the country. . . The theory of meteors seems quite wrong; the phenomenon stayed over the horizon of my observing position for at least 4 minutes". The author of the letter connected the sight to the launch of the Soviet weather satellite Meteor 2.

U.S. SIGHTINGS

4 UFOS SELECTED FROM 73 CASES: Aug. 15-Sept. 14

68 reports were judged to be identifiable or inappropriate.
1 report is still under investigation.
Refer to the monthly "Profile" feature for complete evaluations.

HOW WE LEARN OF UFO'S: UFO reports are from news departments, civilian organizations and individuals all over the world, but most of our reports stem from the Center for UFO Studies' UFO Central Hotline. This is a 24-hour, toll-free telephone service for the exclusive use of law enforcement agencies, FAA agencies, planetaria and other formal channels. This gives us the chance to follow up *all* cases rapidly for first-hand information with unlimited long-distance capability. Other advantages include screening of the hoaxers. Indeed, police who patrol when others are asleep are encouraged to fill this void.

HOW WE DEFINE UFO'S: Any anomalous aerial phenomena whose appearance and/or behavior can't be ascribed to conventional objects and effects—not only by the original witnesses, but also by analysts who possess technical qualifications the original observer may lack.

NL—Nocturnal Light: distant anomalous lights seen in the night sky
DD—Daylight Discs: distant disc-like objects seen during the day
RV—Radar/Visual: UFOs seen by radar and vision simultaneously

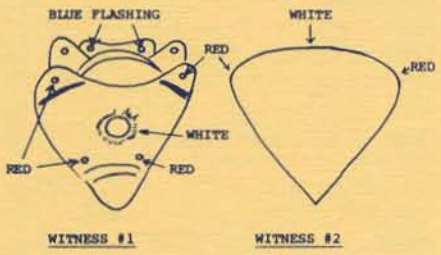
CE I—Close Encounter of the First Kind: UFOs seen within 500 feet
CE II—Close Encounter of the Second Kind: CE I's that leave behind physical traces
CE III—Close Encounter of the Third Kind: CE I with humanoid occupants seen

HOW WE NUMBER CASES: All UFO sightings will receive a three element number which will serve as a case "name". The first numbers refer to the volume and issue number of the edition that contains the case, and the last number refers to the order it arrived (example: 1-1-7, the seventh case of the first issue).

UFOs of Limited Merit

These reports are of intermediate stature. They are UFOs in the sense that we don't know what they are, but for a variety of stated *reasons, they are not really worthy of closer scrutiny.*

CASE	TYPE	DATE	TIME	DURATION	WITNESSES	PLACE
2-10-35	CE I	8-28-77	12:38 AM	10 min.	2	Hayward, CA



20-year old women drove toward this oddly shaped object (see witness's sketch) and overtook it. The object had a slow motion of its own, across their field of vision. When they drove under it, very slowly, it loomed large, dwarfing the full moon (also seen). Then it turned abruptly and followed them; the witnesses evaded it by accelerating to 65 m.p.h. on the deserted rural boulevard. No sound was ever heard.

No other reports were made to the police. Nothing unusual noted by nearby Oakland International Airport or the Oakland Air Route Traffic Control Center. The Goodyear blimp was restricted to southern California that night, and was nowhere near them.

2-10-37	NL	8-28-77	8:40 PM	10 min.	2	Hayden, AL

The same witnesses to case 2-9-89 saw a similar apparition 2 miles away from the previous site. The saucer-shaped object was half the size of the moon but the light from it made viewing difficult. The husband and wife disagreed on the number of lights (2 vs. 6-7) but not on the unusual beige color of the light. The object could hover or dart toward their car in seconds when they stopped. All of the lights could go out on the object and come back on again. No sound, clear sky; rural area.

No additional witnesses at this time; no other calls to police. Unseen by Birmingham Airport and Memphis air route Traffic Control Center.

2-10-58	NL	9-7-77	10:24 PM	5 secs.	4+	Tooele, UT

Vague, round white glow, the size of the moon, was seen to rush silently through the clear sky 3 times over a 15-minute period. Traveling "faster than aircraft", the light first travelled southbound from the north but executed a 90-degree turn toward the west. Five minutes later, it came back from the west to the east, this time revealling a light source on it. Ten minutes later, it appeared for the last time, slower and lower, going straight toward the NE.

The Tooele Police received 2 other calls based on this same sequence (no names were left, however). Undetected by Salt Lake City Airport, the Air Route Traffic Control Center, and the municipal airport.

2-10-60	NL	9-8-77	12:30 AM	13-18 sec.	1	New Orleans, LA

40-year old ex-pilot watched a dark bullet-shaped object while walking his dog. Distinctly silhouetted against the clear night sky, the "bullet", as long as the moon's diameter and half as wide, rushed silently eastbound from 75 degrees up in the WNW.

It was temporarily blocked by a tree, then seen again; its course was changed slightly to the SE and was last seen 40 degrees above the horizon.

Single witness. Unseen by New Orleans Lakefront and International Airports. DC-8 in flight at that time but going in the wrong direction. Dog reacted in excitement and calmed down when it was gone, but it also got equally excited over a rolling garbage can lid just prior to the incident.

SPECIAL IUR REPORT

WILL NASA ENTER THE UFO ARENA?

by Allan Hendry

In the wake of preliminary details about France's formation of an official UFO research effort comes the news that the U.S.'s own National Aeronautics and Space Administration may indicate by the end of the year that it will undertake a new official study of the UFO problem. IUR has obtained copies of correspondence between the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Office of the Administrator of NASA which, in conjunction with a number of long-distance phone calls, enable us to reconstruct the sequence of events leading up to this potentially important decision.

Frank Press, director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, has been at the hub of the deluge of UFO-related mail addressed to the Executive Office and has even made his own inquiries into Air Force and CIA files on the subject (see IUR "UFO Newsfront", June, 1977). Much of this correspondence undoubtedly arose from UFO researchers who hope that President Carter, a possible UFO witness himself, would be sympathetic to the idea of a meaningful research effort. On July 21, Press wrote to Robert Frosch, the administrator of NASA, informing him of the UFO letters that the White House has received of the "increasing number of inquiries concerning UFO's", and that those in the Executive Office are "ill-equipped to handle these kinds of inquiries". His letter made two recommendations:

1) NASA should form a "small panel of inquiry" to see if any "new significant findings" have occurred since the Condon report of nearly a decade ago.

2) NASA should deal with UFO correspondence aimed at the White House.

Robert Frosch replied that there were "a number of questions which need to be resolved" before any formal program could be undertaken. He submitted a copy of a standard NASA form letter currently mailed out in response to monthly inquiries about UFOs, noting that the Air Force has adopted a similar procedure. Frosch acknowledged that this expedient "fails to provide a recognized focal point for technical appraisal of sightings and understandably results in some frustration to individuals making what they consider to be serious inquiries." But NASA would need additional "resources" to commit themselves to a formal study; so Frosch wanted first to appoint a NASA project officer "to review reports of the last ten years" and report by the end of 1977 whether such a project was justified. Frank Press wrote back, approving the feasibility study. He also indicated that he would have all UFO-oriented mail addressed to the OSTP and the White House to NASA for response.

Dr. Richard Henry appears to be the candidate at this time for that NASA position. Henry has informed IUR, however, that there has been no official confirmation yet, merely "scuttlebutt", and that progress would probably take weeks. Dr. Henry's appointment would be good news to UFOlogists; he has long been associated with civilian organizations like The Center for UFO Studies and APRO.

It goes without saying that the formation of such a committee would be of singular importance to the UFO subject, particularly if its attitudes and policies were free of the stigmas and controversies that marked the impact of the last government study of UFO reports, the Condon Report (1967-1969). Will the feasibility study lead the way to a NASA-oriented research effort? What influence will the current functioning of France's new official UFO study (GEPAN) have on the NASA decision? While it *should* encourage it, NASA could choose to hold off to avoid "duplicity". IUR will monitor this developing situtation very closely and will report any details which come to our attention.

Report Wrap-ups

ABDUCTION IN WESTERN KANSAS

CASE	TYPE	DATE	TIME	DURATION	WITNESSES	PLACE
pre-IUR	CE III	6-20-76	post-1 AM	undetermined	2	eastern Goodland, KS

IUR has received many inquiries about a case first discussed as being "in progress" back in the Dec. 1976 issue. It involved a young married couple and their 4-month old child being detained and examined by normal-size humanoids while en route to Colorado through western Kansas. Counsellor/UFO investigator Richard Sigismonde met repeatedly with the couple from July to early October using hypnotic regression techniques to enable the witnesses to overcome their joint amnesia of the details surrounding this event.

The experience proved to be very traumatic for the couple; it was as important to provide counselling for the troubled pair as it was to reveal information about the experience. Sigismonde indicates that the individuals have now achieved a healthy state of mind about the incident and the personal implications it held for them. For that reason, it is considered desirable to maintain the anonymity of the witnesses to shield them from further harassment. We will refer to them by their first names. Joe, 19, was a factory worker in Colorado at the time. His wife, Carol, was 18 and took care of their 4-month old son, Luke. In a scenario reminiscent of Betty and Barney Hill, Joe and Carol could remember seeing unusual lights in the sky while driving, followed by a sudden period of missing hours and a lack of progress on the road. In search of help, they even contacted the Air Force. Word of this case arrived via the Center for UFO Studies police Hotline, and Richard Sigismonde became involved. Under hypnosis, the details of their story unfolded slowly; each time the story was told, more details surfaced, but complete consistency was maintained over a 4-month period. Both individuals employed the same details meticulously, and their accounts show no internal or mutual contradictions. Here then is a reconstruction of the remarkable experience as related by

Joe and Carol, from typed transcripts of their testimonies.

"CONSCIOUS" PRELUDE

This portion was consciously remembered by both Joe and Carol; all details were identical.

It's 1 AM. As Joe drove on I-70 westbound away from Colby, Kansas, Carol was startled to hear a hissing sound like a snake coming from the back seat of their car, where their 4-month old son, Luke, was asleep. Searching with a flashlight, she discovered that the sound was only coming from the speaker of their 8-track tape unit. Out of the window, three lights like bright "stars" could be seen against the clear, starry sky. They emitted orange-blue lights, and would converge together and split apart. One went south, one went north, and one rose up, but not far. Joe remarked, "No one can tell me there's no such thing as UFOs". Carol commented that they looked like ones she had seen before with her mother back in Warren, Ohio. Further down the road, they saw four large oblong "stars" moving through the sky, 2 above and 2 below (but not in a "square"). Joe talked about "how great it would be to go up in one of the UFOs". Carl said she'd like to "if the baby wasn't in the car". With an eye toward his car's mechanical troubles, Joe thought, "if they can make flying saucers like that, I can imagine what they could do to my car. If they'd pick us up and use us, if we could be guinea pigs for them, maybe they'll fix our car for us, 'cause it's broke". Carol laughed, thinking he's "a little nuts". These lights were different from the first ones, larger and devoid of the colors. Two of these disappeared in an unseen fashion.

Further down the road, they watched what appeared to be a yellow rod with 2 bright, glowing "balls" on either end. It shot straight up and sailed over the top of their car, going behind it, as seen by Carol through the windows of the car. This was east of Goodland, Kansas now. Joe pulled the car over to the side of the road to see the object rising up in the sky, shrinking from an appreciable apparent size to a small light.

THE REPRESSED ADVENTURE

The following portion was lost to the couple's conscious memories. It is a composite of the many hypnosis sessions.

There was a mile marker on the road where they stopped the car—"37". Without knowing why Joe pulled the car *off* the road onto a field and drove at an angle towards the Woods. (NOTE: only Carol can remember *this* fact under hypnosis, Joe can't). Ten minutes later, they stopped the car in a clearing surrounded by trees near a small creek, and beheld a huge "ship" 20-25 feet in front of them. Unbuckling their seat belts, and wondering what's going on, they stepped out of the car, and walked up the steps of the ship.

CAROL'S ACCOUNT:

(Joe and Carol undergo separate experiences when on board. The narrative must needs be split here.)

They walked through the door into a big, brightly-lit room with "computer things" with flashing lights on the walls left and right of them. On the right was a big window above the computers; trees could be seen outside it. A big opaque brown tube extended from ceiling to floor. Away in the back is a big steel box. A clipboard hung from a hook. Carol described the floor as light colored from the glare of the computer lights. A metal/leather chair was located in front of the window. Meanwhile, Joe had left the room unnoticed. No occupants had come forward, but Carol got a mental message to go down a dark hallway to a room with a table, lights above it, and a dark window. Lying on the table (after an understood command), Carol's hand and arm felt numb from a tightness around her wrist. Lying on her stomach, a long metal tube exerted pressure on her back. Then she was "willed" into another dark room.

Carol paced around. She cried out that she wanted to go home, she wanted her child. A humanoid appeared and brought her Luke. She held him happily, and went to look out the window. To her astonishment, she saw "stars shooting by" and the earth receding in the distance. Soon, it's completely black outside; not even stars could be seen, and a temporary numbness set into her arm again. The room was noted to get quite hot. Then the UFO landed again; the trees could be seen out the window. "Ordered" mentally to return to the computer room, the UFOnauts took Luke from her again, assuring her that they were "good", they weren't going to hurt her, and that she would only be detained a short while . . . all telepathically. Two of the entities bounced Luke around and played with him. But now, Carol was instructed to lie down on a table, wherein she was given a shot in the arm by a tube/box affair that seemed to act by itself. As she started to fall asleep, she was picked up by one of the occupants who carried her down the steps of the ship. The next thing

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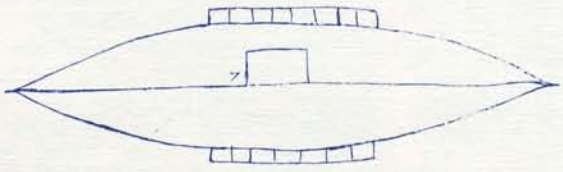
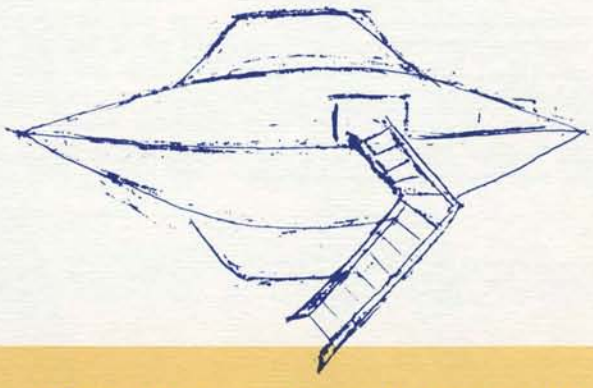




JOE: Biconvex disc, 20-40 feet high, 140-160 feet long, glowing white in color. Array of lights (orange, white, blue) and windows around top and bottom sections that spin clockwise. Steps that ascend 15-20 feet, made of shiny steel.

CAROL: Huge, round shape. Lights spinning around bottom section. Steps that ascend up in two flights with a central landing, colored silver.

Carol knew, she was back in the car, on the side of the road looking at the "32" mile marker.

JOE'S ACCOUNT

Joe's memories start inside the ship, alone in a room, lying down in the dark. Something pressed hard against a small area of his left arm below the inside of his elbow. There was a tightness up by his shoulder, and he couldn't move his arm. Joe's forearm hurt badly, as if something big was moving around in it. He felt quite warm; his head felt light, his feet felt "as though they had on many socks", and his chest hurt. It was somewhat hard to breathe.

The room Joe was in had a shiny counter made onto the wall, with plastic tubes hanging by it and a couple of drawers. Joe could see a doorway, a big silver box sitting in front of the counter, but against the wall. There were cannisters on the counter, and an "indentation" could be seen on its surface. A rubber hose hung near it. The walls in the room were high; light coming in from the doorway made the left side brighter. A shelf above him contained an unusual silver rod with five, red strings spreading out from it like a fan. "Lights" or "bubbles" rose up these strings. Joe's arms felt held down, and he could only move his fingers.

Sensing that he had to get up off the table, he sat up and got dressed. Two of the occupants came in and handed him a six-inch long board (covered in white, broad at the bottom) and a rod. Joe placed these uncertainly in his lap. He stood up, the two men took him by the arms and walked him down a corridor. Five rooms went by as he proceeded back to the door of the ship. Joe could look outside to the trees. The third occupant came in carrying Carol, unconscious, in his arms "like a baby". One of the occupants was standing at arm's length in front of Joe. A spinning, converging spiral of light formed between Joe and the entity. Joe felt that his mind was being drawn out of his body toward the swirling energy where it seemed to merge with the mind of the entity. Joe felt happy, and sensed that these creatures "didn't have any bad qualities, they seemed so peaceful". Weak-legged, Joe walked down the stairs with the assistance of the UFOnauts; he observed Carol to be carried down to the car, placed inside, and the entity fastened her seatbelt and locked her door. Joe headed around the car to his side. One of the UFOnauts stood for about a minute, turned around, and waved goodbye to Joe. This made Joe very unhappy, as if a loved one was leaving. The lights on the ship spun faster and faster as it silently lifted up into the sky and shrank in size. With Carol asleep next to him, Joe drove through the woods, over the field, and up over the gravel strip to the highway.

RETURN TO CONSCIOUS MEMORY

Oddly enough, there is a "32" mile marker on the side of the road now. Joe and Carol resumed watching the motion of the distant lights *completely oblivious* to the events they just described under hypnotic regression. Seeing lights in the woods, Carol remarked, "I'll bet that's one that landed." Joe said, "no, you're seeing things." Carol replied, "you never know." Joe's still talking about how great it would be to go with "them", and "see their engine room", and such. They pulled into a gas station for cigarettes and gas. Proceeding further, they still appeared to be followed by a "twinkling star", so they pulled into a roadside rest to watch it. It just remained stationary there in the sky as Joe sat on the hood outside looking at it. Suddenly they realized that the light of dawn was approaching. This was baffling to them as it had been 1 in the morning back in Colby, and they were due to arrive between 1 and 2 AM in Colorado! Now Joe and Carol began to wonder if perhaps they *did* get "picked up".

PHYSICAL TRACES

At this point, Joe and Carol discovered marks on their bodies and on Luke's.

CAROL: Arms covered in rash and needle marks, "horseshoe" marks around wrist of right hand. Bruise on ankle. Also bruises and scratches on arms. Skin ripped by navel.

JOE: Needle mark by navel. Marks on body shaped like "¾ of square". Puncture at crease of elbow. Knees large and red.

LUKE: Red marks on chest, little square marks on stomach.

The idea that they all might have

JOE

CAROL

HUMANOID DESCRIPTION

JOE: Normal size, 6-8" shorter than him. Skull-shaped head, bald, sunken cheeks, deep-set eyes, big forehead, lumps for eyebrows, small rounded chin. Can't see mouth or ears; small lump for nose with no nostrils. Coarse, light brown skin.

Body covered in waves of "rolls" that wrap around completely and go up and down form, all same width. Strong shoulders, wide chest, V-shape down to waist. Body suit dark brown in color. Long skinny arms, can't see hands. Skinny legs, no toes seen.

CAROL: About as tall as us, human shape. Large in the chest, small in the waist. Suit formed by "metal" tubes that wrap around form completely, dark brown. Tubes taper in size down arms and legs. Round thing on head, dark brown. Can't see face. See arms, can't see hands. Don't bend knees much when walking, can't see feet.

been picked up "didn't appeal too well" to Carol; she felt sick about it. Later, as they were driving near Denver, a deep weird voice emanated from Joe, saying, "this is my world". He let go of the steering wheel and cried and waved his hands back and forth over his head for 1½ to 2 minutes, yet the car remained on a straight course (at 60 m.p.h.).

Later, a young minister came to their home; they showed him the strange marks and told him they were afraid they had been picked up by UFOs. He told them that God didn't want people from other planets that are good to come to our planet because it was going to be destroyed. Thus, whatever got us was the work of the Devil. However, rock music was the Devil's work, too. Joe's father reinforced this theory, adding that smoking was ruining their bodies (the Temple of God). So the couple tore up their 8-track tapes, stopped smoking cigarettes, and were warned against hypnotism, for it would weaken their minds for the Devil to enter.

Carol was scared, of course . . . even to sleep. She slept at night with the lights on and a Bible under her pillow. Eventually, they felt more secure, but Carol still had bad dreams about "flying saucers".

THE HYPNOSIS SESSIONS

Other seemingly "psychic" events have occurred besides the out-of-body incident with Joe and the strange voice. Carol was taking a shower when she saw a glow of light that resembled one of the UFOnauts who stared at Luke. As she started to scream, the light disappeared. Carol has also heard voices that assured her that the UFOnauts are "good". Many sessions were required to yield all the information available here. Each time Joe and Carol related the story of their abduction, more details were added that hadn't occurred previously, but never at the expense of the integrity of the original narrative . . . and over a four month period under hypnosis. Examination of the transcripts reveals that Sigismonde took considerable pains to avoid leading or directing the witnesses; he expressed wariness of UFOlogist/hypnotists who, in their enthusiasm and lack of experience, run the risk of generating false information via regression techniques. Other precautions included hypnotizing one individual without the other present, and not playing back the tape recordings to Joe and Carol until after the sessions were completely over.

Why did the couple forget this experience? It's unknown if it was "deliberate erasure" or simply "traumatic blockage"; the human mind possesses blocking mechanisms, true, yet the *complete* repression of memory here, including the *pleasant* aspects, suggests to Sigismonde that the amnesia may have been induced, but this can't be verified.

What are the alternatives to accepting the details at face value? There are certainly problems that support the hypothesis that this was only a shared fantasy:

- The preconceived idea shared by both Joe and Carol about UFOs being manned craft, and how they'd like to go aboard and fly in one, prior to the event.
- Exposure to the television movie about the abduction of Betty and Barney Hill
- Use of science fiction "conventions" such as computers and erroneous "Star Trek"-style motion through stars—with the earth in view? (unless the ship was rotating)
- Memories of Carol's hospital experiences (with Luke) possibly injected into the story.
- The inability to drive off I-70 east of Goodland because a *fence* runs the length of it (though there were breaks and an access road)

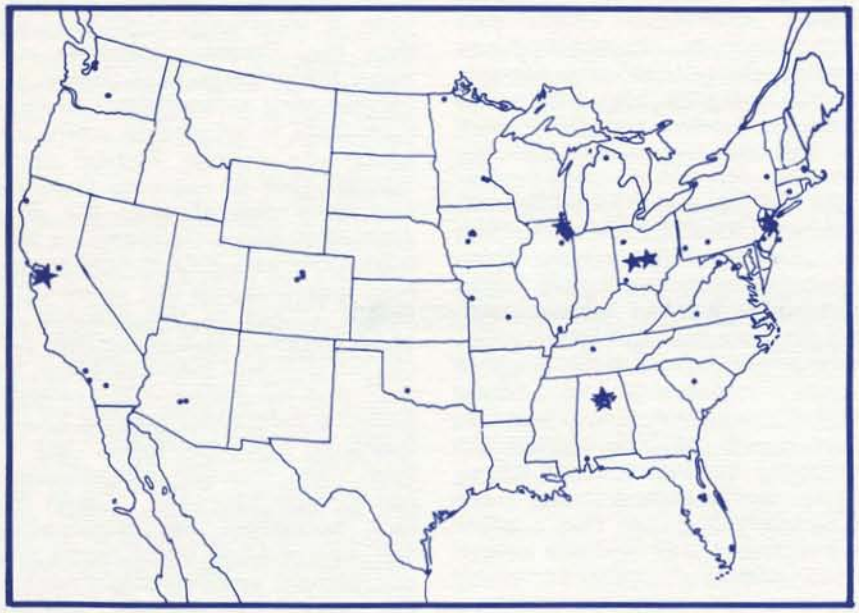
But the problem with this idea is the remarkable contruity of detail between Joe's and Carol's stories. Why do they both agree on the appearance of the humanoids' suits (if not their heads)? Why the similar ship descriptions, the shiny steel steps? Why the agreement about Carol being picked up and carried, asleep, down to the car? Let's consider a deliberate hoax, where the details were exchanged in advance . . . could they be deceptively relayed under hypnosis? Furthermore, their emotional responses were extremely vivid. If they were "acting", could they cry, tremble, perspire, even make their hearts beat visibly and quicken their pulses? What would it gain them to engage in months of therapy to deceive Richard Sigismonde? They do not want publicity, and have even escaped the area. Also, what about the marks on their bodies? Psychosomatic mechanisms have created marks like these in the past . . . but on the 4-month old child, too? We have more than just the testimony of the couple that the child had the marks. Their minister signed a letter affirming that he saw them; so has Sigismonde. Nor do they insist that the circumstances had to have happened. "Could this have happened, Mr. Sigismonde, that we produced these marks with our minds"? and "we might have to live with the fact that we can never trust our minds again" are statements typical of their apparent innocence. No reasonable person could be confident about the "reality" of this situation, yet right now, *one economical* hypothesis is that it *did* happen.

Finally, how has this affected Joe and Carol? They were left with the impression that they could be "picked up, abused, and dumped" at any time; yet with counselling, they now have adopted healthier states of mind than before the experience started. Carol asserts that she "thinks more" than she did before, that she is "more aware of the world". Joe feels less paranoid, and can make friends easier. When he experienced that "out of body" incident, he felt free of cares. As a consequence, perhaps, he is less afraid of dying! Their attitudes have swung around from feeling "imposed upon", to considering the event "an honor and a privilege", to the attitude that if they had to cope with the experience again, they'd be alright . . . it's something they could live with.

CE II IN CALIFORNIA

Remember the case of the three boys in West Pittsburg, CA, who saw both a UFO and three dark figures loosely associated with it (case 2-7-22, in the July issue)? Richard Haines, who investigated the case for IUR, feels that the case has reached an impasse, and has a high possibility of being a hoax. Problems include witness cooperation, and the fact that one of them did tell others that President Carter called him on the phone about his UFO sighting, a statement he backed down on for Haines. As such, IUR will cease further investigation, and will maintain the anonymity of the "witnesses".

PROFILE: AUGUST, 1977



● —IFO ★ —UFO

Stars and Planets	19
Ad Planes	13
Meteors	8
Aircraft	7
Flares	4
Balloons	3
Kites	1
Mirages	1
Missiles	1
Floodlights	1
Helicopters	1
Prank Balloons	1
Contrails	1
Birds	1
Inconsistent Testimony	3
Reluctant Witness	1
Non-UFO	1
Unreliable Witness	1
NL	5
DD	2
CE I	1
Total Number of Reports	76
Average Per Day	2.5
Peak Activity (6 cases)	8/24, 8/25
Total Number of UFOs	8
Total Number of IFOs	62
UFOs: 11.42%	**IFOs:** 88.6%

Some of August's reports were reported in the press. Case 2-10-9 was a hot-air balloon that the *Wethersfield, CT Post* called a UFO. IUR regrets that the police witnesses of case 2-10-40 were reluctant to cooperate with us on a sighting that was reported on TV in Nashville, TN on Aug. 31; the one officer we did speak to appears to have been watching the Jupiter-Mars conjunction, instead . . . it might have been a good case if we could have documented it better.

UFOs include 2-8-70, -81, -85, -87, -88, -89, 2-10-35, and 2-10-37. Verifications and complete details of these evaluations are available upon request. Note that the six cases listed with "faults" (such as "inconsistent testimony") are not included in the UFO or IFO tabulations (which is our usual policy).

Progress Report

The analysis of the possible "angel hair" specimen (first mentioned in the Aug. issue) is still under way. IUR is consulting an entomologist at Penn State on the possibility that it might be the product of a species of spider not considered at this point.

STILL IN THE WORKS

Conclusions on the fungus ring event (discussed last issue) next issue. Also pending are the Gatchellville, PA trace analysis, the radar half of the Alaska radar-visual case, and (possibly) Lindley, New York's CE III from last issue. NOTE: there is little point in promising further news on a Kansas CE III sighting at this time (as mentioned in older issues of IUR); Ted Phillips still has considerable belated groundwork to cover on this event.

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UFO MOVIE

I am compiling a research file on the 1956 United Artists motion picture, "UFO", and would be happy to hear from anyone who wishes to contribute, or sell at moderate cost, material relating to the movie. Please query and describe first.

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IN CURRENT JOURNALS

A GENERAL ORIENTATION ABOUT NORSK UFO CENTER, from the Norsk UFO Center, prepared Sept. 3, 1977. NUFOC, Postbox 2119, N-7001 Trondheim, Norway.

"We have had the so-called UFO-societies (in this country) . . . The great weakness of these societies we find on two planes: They had their information only from "literature", which later has appeared to be rather doubtful, scientifically speaking . . . Their starting point seems to be, more or less, a presupposing belief in what they read. Seldom or never was the genuineness of a report doubted, or the credibility of the reporters, and so on. The engagement in the UFO problem for most of the society members seems more to have been the wish of trying to solve an intellectual problem. Their activity primarily consisted of coming together to "discuss" these things and entertain themselves with them. It is obvious that such activities are not fitting methods to attack a complex problem, having evaded any gratifying, scientific explanation for more than 20 years."

visions of religious symbols, and images of human beings (49%), most of them friendly and many in the nature of cartoons and caricatures.

The importance of this kind of quantitative research to UFO perception is highly significant, especially in CE III cases where the events described have been exotic to say the least... even absurd. The author notes, too, that"it is likely that everyone has had a hallucination at one time or another".

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IUR is proud of its ability to research in detail many of the pressing questions regarding UFOs today. With unlimited communication capabilities in the United States, files of helpful agencies, and access to technical consultants, IUR is in a position second to none to tackle UFO problems. Yet in the current absence of UFO "Cases of High Merit", we would like to exploit our resources beyond the mere listing of them in our publishing "boilerplate". So, with the desire to be as responsive as possible to the needs of our readers, IUR will prepare a future article called, "The Five Most Asked Questions About UFOs - 1978"... but we need your "editorial judgment"! We've noted in the past that people are inclined to repeatedly ask the same questions about UFOs; hence, the following procedure is quite realistic:

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